

fiction: something
not true

homo sapiens

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In fact, humans have always lived in the age of post-truth. Homo sapiens is a post-truth species, whose power depends on creating and believing fictions. Ever since the Stone Age, self-reinforcing myths have served to unite human collectives. Indeed, Homo sapiens conquered this planet thanks above all to the unique human ability to create and spread fictions. We are the only mammals that can cooperate with numerous strangers because only we can invent fictional stories, spread them around and convince millions of others to believe in them. As long as everybody believes in the same fictions, we all obey the same laws and can thereby cooperate effectively.

So, if you blame Facebook, Trump or Putin for ushering in a new and frightening era of post-truth, remind yourself that centuries ago millions of Christians locked themselves inside a self-reinforcing mythological bubble, never daring to question the factual veracity of the Bible, while millions of Muslims put their unquestioning faith in the Quran. For millennia, much of what passed for 'news' and 'facts' in human social networks were stories about miracles, angels, demons and witches, with bold reporters giving live coverage straight from the deepest pits of the underworld. We have zero scientific evidence that Eye was tempted by the Serpent, that the souls of all infidels burn in hell after they die, or that the Creator of the universe doesn't like it when a Brahmin marries an Untouchable, yet billions of people have believed in these stories for thousands of years. Some fake news lasts forever.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.

"Homo sapiens is a post-truth species". What does the writer mean?

- What is the unique feature of human beings as mammals?
- Is it right to condemn facebook for the post-truth era?
- What incidents have passed in human history as news and facts?
- What do you understand by this expression: "Some fake news last forever"

Comprehension passage

Q No:- "Homo sapiens is a post-truth-species." What does the writer mean?

Repeat question statement at the start of the answer.

Ans According to the author's opinion about Homosapiens, Homosapiens is a post truth species. ~~They~~ Their power relies on generating and believing on the untrue stuff. Moreover, they triumphed this earth and thinks above all human ability.

Q NO 02:

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What is the unique feature of human beings as mammals?

~~They~~ ~~trium~~

Ans The Unique feature of human beings as mammals is that they can cooperate with ~~myriad~~ ^{myriad} strangers. They ^{can} only invent fictional tales and spread them, convincing ~~to~~ other people to trust on it. As everybody ^{believes} is believing in the same fictions, they ~~at~~ adhere to by the same laws.

Q NO 03:-

Is it right to condemn facebook for post truth era?

Ans ~~As~~ It is not ~~is~~ right to condemn facebook for post truth era as

as the evidence demonstrates
in the passage that facebook is
not ~~at~~ only responsible factor for
the post truth era. for instance, centuries
ago millions of christians restricted
themselves inside a self-reinforcing
~~and~~ whereas muslims put their
faith in Quran. so, facebook can not
be condemned only. **Limit your answers to 5-7 lines.**

Q⁴ What incidents have passed in
human history as news and facts?

Ans There are many incidents that have
passed in human history. so, some
of them are that news and facts
in human social networks were
stories about witches, demons,
angels and miracles. The reports
used to give live coverage from
deepest pits of **underworld**.

Q^{NO 05}

what do you understand by this expression:
"some fake news last forever"

Ans The expression - **fake news last forever** -
clarifies that some stories ~~are~~ **are**
based on the fictions. Their scientific

evidence is unavailable that it can be believed. As the many unsatisfied stories have been mentioned in the passage which do not give clear authenticity about the past events, therefore some fake news remain forever.

Spelling errors found.